

## Capitol Update

Friends and Neighbors,

As the leaves are turning red and students across the state are going back to school, we in the legislature are preparing to go back into session. I wanted to send you a quick update with some of the major initiatives that I am working on as your representative as well as provide information on the fall session.



Rep. Zamarripa and Rep. Kleefisch, center, testifying on AB 344, the Distilled Spirits Tasting Bill before the Assembly Committee on State Affairs

### Distilled Spirits Tasting Bill

This session, I co-authored a proposal known as AB 344, the distilled spirits tasting bill at the request of Great Lakes Distillery which is located in my district. This small business has grown from the ground up and is looking to expand to including spirits samplings in local grocery stores and liquor retailers, where customers can already sample wine and beer. And Great Lakes is not the only distillery looking to grow their businesses. There are many other distilleries around the state that are growing their customer base and sampling is the best way to do this.

Unfortunately, under current law, they are not able to do this.

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## Walking Office Hours

**Come chat with your State Rep and enjoy the new Kinnickinnic River Trail!**

So together with Rep. Joel Kleefisch (R-Oconomowoc), I authored a proposal that allow these samples to be provided to customers 21 years and older in order to help businesses like Great Lakes Distillery grow into the 21st century.

Here is what this bill does:

- Levels the playing field so that distilled spirits can be sampled.
- Limits customers to three, 1/2 oz pours.
- Licensed representatives must responsibly dole out these samples

This bill is an economic development bill that promotes commerce in our great state. Not only will this bill help out many small distilleries all across the state, like Great Lakes Distillery, but it also promotes free market economics and is truly a bipartisan bill. I was proud to work with Rep. Kleefisch (R-Oconomowoc) to bring forth this legislation and I hope to see it pass the Assembly soon.

## **In My Committees**

One of the committees I have the honor of serving on is the Assembly Committee on Corrections, which handles issues relating to prisons, prisoners and rehabilitation. This month we are poised to take up a bill, known as Assembly Bill 387, which has the potential to help a lot of juvenile offenders get their lives back on the right track.

This bill would take 17-year-olds who are first-time offenders in cases of non-violent crimes and transfer them to the juvenile justice system. Currently these offenders would be placed in regular adult facilities where they are more likely to commit new crimes, not finish high school, struggle with employment and suffer emotional and psychological hardship.

By transferring 17-year-olds back to juvenile prisons, we will save the state between \$2.5 million and \$5 million over the long term. We would still be holding these children accountable for their actions but we would be doing so in such a way that would take into consideration both their relative age and the severity of their crime. Most of our neighboring states have adopted similar legislation and it is



*I attended last week's ribbon cutting ceremony in honor of the trail's opening.*

This Saturday (10/19) and Sunday (10/20) I will be holding "Walking Office Hours" on the newly opened **Kinnickinnic River Trail**. This will be a great opportunity for you to come down and see the new trail as well as share with me your thoughts and concerns about issues before the legislature.

### **Saturday, October 19**

Intersection of S. Chase Ave and W.  
Rosedale Ave.  
(under the I-94 overpass)  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

### **Sunday, October 20**

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Rosedale Ave.  
(under the I-94 overpass)  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Hope to see you there!

### **Horas de Oficina este fin de semana**

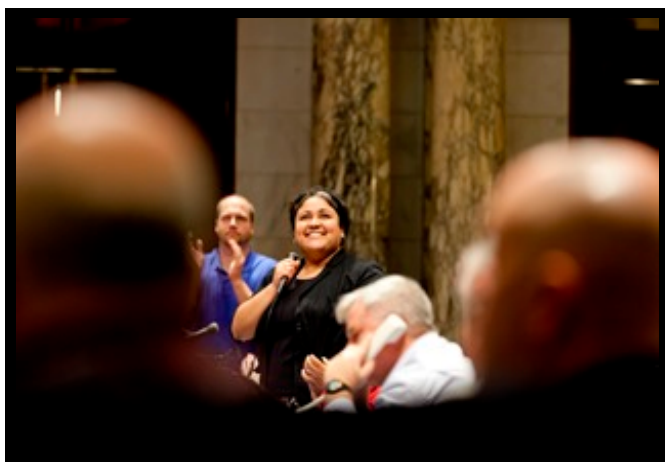
Este sábado (10/19) y domingo (10/20) voy a tener horas de oficina en el octavo distrito estatal. Voy a caminar en el **Kinnickinnic River Trail** para promover la salud pública y hablar con constituyentes. Por favor, venga y dime que temas legislativos te afecten. Nos reuniremos en la intersección de S. Chase Ave y W. Rosedale Ave.

### **Sábado, 19 de Octubre**

La intersección de S. Chase Ave. y W.

time for Wisconsin to do the same.

In the coming weeks, I will be joining my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this proposal in the Corrections Committee and on the floor. I believe this will go a long way towards stemming the tide of crime and violence in our neighborhoods and to lowering the serious costs of running our criminal justice system in Wisconsin.



Rosedale Ave.  
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**Domingo, 20 de octubre**  
La intersección de S. Chase Ave. y W.  
Rosedale Ave.  
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM



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